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## March 2011 Agricultural Prices Received

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Most Montana crop prices for the full month of March 2011 were higher when compared to the previous month, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, Montana Field Office. The March to February price comparisons are: winter wheat increased \$0.71 to \$6.69 per bushel, spring wheat increased \$0.57 to \$7.70 per bushel, and durum wheat increased \$0.67 to \$7.67 per bushel. Feed barley prices increased \$0.44 to \$4.21 per bushel, malt barley increased \$0.26 to \$4.29 per bushel, but oats were down \$0.60 to \$2.53 per bushel.

The mid-April price for alfalfa hay was unchanged from March at \$80.00 per ton, but other hay increased \$1.00 to \$75.00 per ton. Mid-April grain prices were higher when compared with March 2011. Winter wheat was \$8.61 per bushel, spring wheat was \$9.83 per bushel, feed barley was \$4.48 per bushel, and malt barley was \$4.74 per bushel. Durum wheat was not published for April.

The all milk price was \$21.00 per cwt in April 2011, compared with \$19.20 per cwt in March and \$17.40 per cwt for March 2010.

Nationally, prices for March 2011 and changes from February are: winter wheat decreased \$0.01 to \$7.02 per bushel, spring wheat was \$8.02 per bushel, up \$0.32, durum wheat was \$8.15 per bushel, down \$0.28, feed barley was \$4.27 per bushel, up \$0.72, malt barley was \$4.32 per bushel, up \$0.22, oats were \$3.28 per bushel, up \$0.01, alfalfa hay was \$136.00 per ton, up \$9.00, other hay was \$97.30 per ton, up \$3.40, steers and heifers were \$118.00 per cwt, up \$7.00, cows were \$75.20 per cwt, up \$2.70, beef cattle were \$115.00 per cwt, up \$7.00, calves were \$148.00 per cwt, up \$9.00, lambs were \$169.00 per cwt, up \$14.00, and all milk was \$20.40 per cwt, up \$1.30.

The U.S. mid-April prices are as follows: winter wheat was \$7.69 per bushel, spring wheat was \$9.41 per bushel, durum wheat was \$7.64 per bushel, feed barley was \$4.67 per bushel, malt barley was \$4.60 per bushel, oats were \$3.40 per bushel, alfalfa hay was \$155.00 per ton, other hay was \$103.00 per ton, steers and heifers were \$124.00 per cwt, cows were \$79.80 per cwt, beef cattle were \$120.00 per cwt, calves were \$150.00 per cwt, and all milk was \$19.70 per cwt.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in April, at 174 percent, based on 1990-1992=100, increased 2 points (1.2 percent) from March. The Crop Index is up 1 point (0.5 percent) and the Livestock Index increased 4 points (2.6 percent). Producers received higher prices for corn, cattle, eggs, and hogs and lower prices for lettuce, milk, tomatoes, and celery. In addition to prices, the overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased monthly marketings of cattle, strawberries, milk, and broilers offset decreased marketings of soybeans, corn, wheat, and cotton.

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Commodity	UNIT	Monthly Average				Change from Previous		Mid-Month Avg	
		Montana			U.S.	Month	Year	Montana	U.S.
		Mar 2010	Feb 2011	Mar 2011	Mar 2011	Feb 2011	Mar 2010	15-Apr-11	15-Apr-11
		Dollars							
Winter Wheat	Bu	4.76	5.98	6.69	7.02	+0.71	+1.93	8.61	7.69
Durum Wheat	Bu	5.25	7.00	7.67	8.15	+0.67	+2.42	na	7.64
Spring Wheat	Bu	5.77	7.13	7.70	8.02	+0.57	+1.93	9.83	9.41
All Wheat	Bu	5.21	6.52	7.22	7.54	+0.70	+2.01	9.12	8.18
All Barley	Bu	4.41	3.99	4.28	4.31	+0.29	-0.13	4.70	4.62
Feed Barley	Bu	2.41	3.77	4.21	4.27	+0.44	+1.80	4.48	4.67
Malt Barley	Bu	4.49	4.03	4.29	4.32	+0.26	-0.20	4.74	4.60
Oats	Bu	2.53	3.13	2.53	3.28	-0.60	nc	na	3.40
Alfalfa Hay	Ton	85.00	78.00	80.00	136.00	+2.00	-5.00	80.00	155.00
All Other Hay	Ton	82.00	74.00	74.00	97.30	0.0	-8.00	75.00	103.00
All Hay Baled	Ton	85.00	77.00	79.00	124.00	+2.00	-6.00	79.00	141.00
All Milk	Cwt	17.40	17.70	19.20	20.40	+1.50	+1.80	21.00	19.70

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